

Fraudulent Telemarketing Tips A Guide for Consumers

Know the difference between legitimate telephone offers and fraudulent calls by remembering the following:

Beware if an unknown caller:

- Says you have won a prize but asks you to send money first
- Says you have to act right away
- Instructs you to wire money
- Offers to have someone pick up a payment from your home
- Says he or she is a law enforcement officer who will help you -- for a fee

Follow these rules to protect yourself:

- Check all unsolicited offers with your Better Business Bureau
- Don't assume a friendly voice belongs to a friend
- Never give your credit card, checking account, or social security number to an unknown caller

Here is where you can get more information to help you recognize fraud:

Federal Consumer Know Fraud Website http://www.consumer.gov/knowfraud/Know Fraud P.O. Box 45600 Washington, DC 20026-5600

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, call: 1-877-987-3728